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SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS TALKS

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1. KNRC VICE PRESIDENT LEE BUM SUK HAS TOLD US HE WILL BE RETURNING TO GENEVA NEXT WEEK TO ASK ICRC TO FOLLOW UP ITS INITIATIVE TO FACILITATE PROGRESS IN SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS TALKS (REF A). AS INDICATED IN REF B, LEE WILL POINT OUT TO ICRC THAT WORKING-LEVEL CONFERENCE AGREED TO BY SOUTH AND NORTH ON MAY 22 DOES NOT REPRESENT REAL PROGRESS IN TALKS. FOLLOWING MAY 29 MEETING OF RED CROSS DELEGATES (REF C) LEE SAID HE IS EVEN MORE CONVINCED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAVE NO INTENTION OF PERMITTING RESUMPTION OF PLENARY RED CROSS CONFERENCE.
 2. LEE DOES FEEL THAT NORTH WILL BE ARGUING TO ICRC THAT AGREEMENT ON WORKING-LEVEL CONFERENCE MEANS THAT TWO KOREANS ARE SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS WITHOUT NEED FOR ICRC INTERVENTION. HIS PURPOSE IN RETURNING TO GENEVA IS CALL THE ICRC'S ATTENTION TO THE NORTH'S PROBABLE
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STRATEGY, TO POINT OUT THAT THE NORTH IS IN FACT STILL
BLOCKING RESUMPTION OF PLENARY CONFERENCE, AND TO
PERSUADE ICRC PRESIDENT TO RENEW HIS CALL FOR CHIEF
DELEGATES OF SOUTH AND NORTH TO MEET IN GENEVA.
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